
Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 4491 of the Public Resources Code, relating to forest practices.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 841, as introduced, Hollingsworth. Forest practices: burning of brush-covered lands.

Under the Wildland Fire Protection and Resources Management Act of 1978, any person, firm, or corporation that owns or controls brush-covered land within a state responsibility area may apply to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for permission to burn the brush from those lands. Existing law provides that cooperation by the department with any person desiring to use prescribed burning as a means of converting brush-covered lands into forage lands, as specified, is declared to be a public purpose and requires the department to provide certain advisory service to applicants for a burning permit.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4491 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 4491. (a) Cooperation by the department, as provided in this
- 4 article, with any person desiring to use prescribed burning as a
- 5 means of converting brush-covered lands into forage lands,

1 which has as its objective prevention of high intensity wildland
2 fires, watershed management, range improvement, vegetation
3 management, forest improvement, wildlife habitat improvement,
4 and maintenance of air quality, or any combination thereof, is
5 declared to be for a public purpose.

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7 *(b) This* article shall be administered by the director or, if
8 responsibility therefor is delegated by the director, by the chief of
9 a county fire department in a county contracting with the
10 department pursuant to the provisions of Section 4129.

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12 *(c) In* furtherance of the provisions of this article, the
13 department shall provide advisory service to applicants for
14 permits as to precautions to be taken by the applicant to prevent
15 damage to the property of others by reason of the prescribed
16 burning, and shall provide standby fire protection, to ~~such~~ *the*
17 extent ~~as~~ personnel, fire crews, and firefighting equipment are
18 available.